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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

VANITY FAIR

CONDUCTED BY JOHN H. WILLS.

The main difference between civilized man and the savage is—savages don't read.

MORE TROUBLES FOR ELKS.

Dr. Mills Issues Manifesto, Denying Special Session and Union Proceedings, and Protesting Everything.

Just when all looked serene and every I. B. P. O. E. and his friends, even his sisters, cousins and aunts, were congratulating themselves upon the fact that the two factions of that body had united for good and all, along comes a lengthy manifesto from "Headquarters of the Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, 493 Bute street, Norfolk, Va.," in the form of "A Proclamation to All Subordinate Lodges." After the customary greeting, Dr. Mills says, "By authority vested in me as Grand Exalted Ruler, I proclaim to all of the subordinate lodges that the proposed Special Session of the Grand Lodge that was attempted to be held in Washington, D. C., July 26-29, 1910, failed of accomplishment and after declaring there was and could be no union, the session was adjourned by me."

Dr. Mills then proceeds under seven heads to give his reasons, the essential points of which seem to be that the understanding that Dr. Mills was to be Grand Exalted Ruler after the union was not carried through; that knowledge of the \$5,000 legal expense debt was withheld from the Peace Conference in Wilmington last January; that the Elks' Home to be built in Richmond, Va., at a cost of \$10,000 upon land to which the Atkins following possessed no title; that the two propositions above were unfair to that portion of Elks represented by himself; that because it was the evident desire of the "Atkins following" to either "rule or ruin" and inclined to exhibit an unbrotherly disposition toward the members of my Grand Lodge, I decided that it was better that the two Grand Lodges remain apart; that the fee of \$5,000 to Hon. Alton B. Parker for conducting the litigation before the courts of New York with the White Elks, or \$2,500 if Judge Parker was not successful in winning this case should be paid by the "Atkins following" and in event of that suit being lost it might result in both bodies being driven out of the State of New York, and, believing it "inadvisable to lend aid in a legal fight in New York, to which our Grand Lodge is not a party, and is in no way concerned." These are principally the reasons.

The document concludes with the following appeal:

In view of the foregoing I now proclaim to all the subordinate lodges of the "Parent Body" or "Regular Order" of Elks that they be and remain steadfast in their loyalty to the Grand Lodge, operating under the original charter and copyrights handed down to this Grand Lodge by B. F. Howard, Past Grand Exalted Ruler.

I further proclaim, that all lodges desiring to be free from the oppression of the heretofore "Atkins following," may freely unite with the "Regular Order of Elks" by making application to this office on or before the 15th day of September, A. D. 1910.

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) DR. J. E. MILLS,
Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

What the result of this manifesto may be I cannot guess, but I am certain that the rank and file of both factions desire union and peace and desire it strongly. I talked with delegates and visitors to the convention from every section of the country and each and all of them said one way or another, "I am sick of contention; let us get together." From several members of the two local lodges I secured the following opinions:

Charles D. Freeman, Exalted Ruler, Columbia, 85, was the first one I found, and he expressed his opinion thus: "I consider the matter all settled. I think every member of both lodges is satisfied with the results of the joint session and pleased and satisfied with the officers elected by the delegates and conclude to dwell together in unity. I am surprised that Dr. Mills should prove so narrow, and do not think many Elks will be guided by him in this affair."

I next saw John W. Truman, Exalted Ruler of Morning Star, 40, who said: "I consider that every essential point of the Peace Conference was satisfied, there were subjects under consideration which they could not in the nature of their powers consider nor settle and all fair thinking men know this and are willing to leave them to the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges for final settlement. The utmost spirit of fairness governed all the actions of the delegates in Convention, and only those who were unfair were Dr. Mills and a few of his friends and advisers. I do not think there will be another split, and this letter will not have much effect. I am sorry that for the sake of a little graft men will do such things."

I saw many members of both Columbia and Morning Star lodges and all were of the opinion I expressed by Moses H. Dodge. "That the great body of Elks desire union and are satisfied that the Convention accomplished the union of both bodies and are satisfied and will accept the union as a fixed fact. Dr. Mills' action will have very little effect and he will soon find himself without a following."

A general impression prevails that Dr. Mills had publicly accepted the results of the Convention here, and it is rumored that he expressed himself as being satisfied with the actions and results thereof. However, we will see what we will see.

"Infantile Paralysis."

This awful disease is making havoc among the children of this city. The cause seems beyond the skill of medical science to discover, though it may be caused almost entirely by improper food and harmful methods of feeding infants. Writing in the New York Journal, Dr. LeDuc, Health Commissioner of New York City, says:

"The manner in which the food is given is of the highest importance. Don't get the idea that all you have to do is put the nipple in the baby's mouth and then go away and leave it

THE TALE OF THE TUB

This week from Cincinnati where she has been for some time visiting her son and daughter.

The aged father of Mrs. Willie Lewis, of 1142 15th street, N. W., passed away in his home, Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Lewis was at his bedside during his last hours. Her many friends extend to her their heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. Hathaway, the model and clay artist of our city, returned from Baltimore this week with the death mask of Joe Gans, the "Old Master."

The Doctors Convention promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever held here.

Attorney Taylor, who was so brutally assaulted by a gang of white ruffians some time ago, is able to be out again and is doing nicely.

Mr. M. Bashon Cruser, architect and builder in East Deanwood, made a flying trip to New York last week on business. Those desiring homes should certainly see Mr. Cruser before investing.

J. P. Bond, proprietor of a men's furnishing store in Birmingham, Ala., was in our city for a few days this week en route to the Business Men's League at New York. Mr. Bond is an enterprising, hustling chap and reports that the business interests among the colored men of Birmingham are being well taken care of. He advises that the spirit of co-operativeness and mutual aid among the Negroes of that city is responsible for their success in the main.

The colored people of Birmingham have just opened a bank in Alabama named the Prudential Savings Bank. Mr. Bond says the capitalization is \$30,000, and quotes this as one of the evidences of progress.

Mrs. David L. Stewart gave an informal musicale and dance at her residence on last Monday night, August 15. It was well attended and a pleasant evening was reported.

NEWS ITEMS

Chas. D. Freeman, E. R. Columbia Lodge, Writes Letter of Thanks.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17, 1910.
Editor National Forum:

My dear Sir—I am in receipt of your communication announcing the name of the successful contestant in the voting contest inaugurated by your journal, "The National Forum," for the most popular Elk. I am pleased to know that such a progressive and active young man as Dr. R. L. Peyton is to receive the prize. Dr. Peyton is an Elk of good standing and has a host of friends. I desire to take advantage of this opportunity to congratulate the "Forum" on the masterly manner in which it gave the account of the Elk Convention and especially the manner in which it featured the parade. I think I voice the sentiment of every Elk in the city when I say that your paper has done a great deal to place our order before the public in a very favorable light.

Very respectfully,
CHAS. D. FREEMAN,
Exalted Ruler,
Columbia Lodge, No. 85,
1609 4th St. S. W.

The Famous Glee Club, of Columbia Lodge, No. 85, Open for Engagements.

Those who sing music or perform upon instruments of melody are becoming sadly less. The inventor of the phonograph may have added a link to the chain of civilization, but he who "set it to music" was "enemy of mankind." A pleasing reaction from the craze for canned melody is announced by the Columbia Glee Club, an organization of young men who will study and render music and glee music. The club is composed of the following:

First tenors—Cary Robinson, I. E. Wilson, Verdi Fisher. Second tenors—Charles Lee, Jesse Madden. First basses—George Pope, C. S. Beale, Thomas McIntosh. Second basses—Wm. A. Clayton, Jeremiah Scott, William Jones. Louis Ambler, director. D. E. Self, general manager.

A Popular Caterer.

It is a pleasure to the "Forum" to call the attention of the public to the cafe of Mr. Joshua N. Anderson, who is proprietor of the Tusquegee Lunch Room, at 620 North Capitol street, N. W. Mr. Anderson is meeting a long felt want in this locality by catering to the people. Heretofore it has been impossible for persons to be properly served in that particular section of the city. As it is now, transients going to and coming from the Union Depot can always secure a first-class up-to-date meal well-cooked and elegantly served. It would seem that every colored man of race pride in the government printing office would give his patronage to this establishment and thereby avoid the embarrassment of being "Jim Crowed" and at the same time get the same fare for less money. Give Uncle Sam a trial.

Oyster Shell Roman Roads. Many people have wondered what becomes of oyster shells and oyster shells. The Roman settlers seem to have used them to advantage, for the streets of the ancient Vercellum, by St. Albans, which is to be further excavated, are paved with oyster shells, which seems to indicate good taste and economy on the part of our predecessors.—Westminster Gazette.

To Test Our Courage. Hard things are put in our way not to stop, but to call out our courage and our strength.—Anon.

In the Rough. Caddle (to Jones, who has missed his ball six times consecutively): "Try it with the bag, sir."

European Production of Salt. Great Britain produces 1,900,000 tons of salt a year, all Europe less than 5,000,000.

THE TALE OF THE TUB



EXPOSITION SWEEP BY FIRE

Hundred Thousand People Are Panic Stricken.

FRANTIC EFFORTS TO ESCAPE FLAMES. The Loss May Be \$100,000,000—Crowd of 100,000 on Grounds When the Flames Sweep Them—Two Dead, Thirty Injured.

Brussels (Special).—The white city of the "World's Fair," as the Belgians call the 1910 exposition, is now a mass of flames and smoldering ruins. A spark falling into inflammable material in the telegraph building burst up in flames, which, driven by a high wind, swept rapidly in all directions. Soon the Belgian, English and French sections were destroyed. The firemen and detachments of soldiers, called quickly to the scene, found themselves baffled by the veritable fount, which carried the burning embers to all parts of the grounds.

The loss in the exposition fire is estimated at 500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000). To the left of the main building arose the picturesque roofs and spires of "Bruxelles Kermesse," a Belgian Coney Island, with water chutes, toboggan slides and scores of side shows. This place was alive with Sunday crowds, and before they could be gotten out with any semblance of order the kermesse was ablaze. The crowds became panic-stricken, and men, women and children fought madly to escape. The exits became choked with the struggling masses, and men used their fists to clear the pathway. Many were trampled under foot and badly injured.

Soon the enormous facade tumbled in ruins. Considering the rapidity of the conflagration, the small loss of life is marvelous. So far as is known up to a late hour tonight only two are dead. The injured, as officially announced, number 30, but probably many hundreds received minor hurts.

POLICEMEN MUTINY.

Refuse to Guard Against Strikers in Columbus, Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio (Special).—Fifty-three members of the Police Department within 24 hours have rebelled against Mayor Marshall's orders to ride on street cars. The mutineers were increased by 20. All of the 20 were men employed as special officers for strike duty. Unlike the regular officers who mutinied, the 20 specials were not suspended, but upon their refusal to board cars they were told that by that act they had removed themselves from the service.

The Mayor made no call for the return of State troops. Officers of the Fourth Regiment, four companies of which are stationed in Columbus, say they have been told to hold themselves ready for service, but at the adjutant-general's office it is denied that preparations have been made for calling out troops.

Mayor Marshall called for 2,000 volunteers for police duty. He took the brunt of all criticism made against the manner in which the situation has been handled, but said that if his critics were sincere they would offer to perform police duty.

SEA CAPTAIN RELATES SEEING AN INEXPlicable PHENOMENON.

Port Townsend, Wash. (Special).—In a report to the United States Hydrographic office here the statement is made of an inexplicable phenomenon that mariners declare is without precedent. The statement is filed by Captain Samuel, of the American barkentine Aurora, on arrival from Callao, Peru. On June 17, in latitude 11 degrees south, and longitude 80 degrees west, according to the report, the vessel's course brought her into an area of snow-white water. The expanse was so large as to require nearly an entire day's sail to traverse. It was merging with the natural ocean water was sharp and definitely defined in color, creating a marvelous scene of marines beauty.

Investigation with every means available failed to show the phenomenon to be due to submarine volcanic eruption or other seismic upheavals.

Losses Money. Ends Life. Kenosha, Wis. (Special).—Frank W. Nohling, 42 years old, president of the Kenosha Mercantile Company and leader among the Social Democrats of Wisconsin, committed suicide in his office. He slashed his throat with a shoe knife, severing the jugular vein, and then taking another knife drove it deep into the wound. Mr. Nohling left a letter which indicated that he had lost money through speculation and had betrayed others who had given him the use of their money.

Drexel Rises 6,750 FEET. American Aviator Makes a World's Altitude Record.

Lanark, Scotland (Special).—It was officially announced that J. Armstrong Drexel, the American aviator, attained a world's altitude record by rising 6,750 feet.

His barograph will be submitted to the experts of the Kew Observatory at London, who will determine the accuracy of the instruments.

Drexel's flight was the sensation of the aviation meeting.

PEDRO MONTT, PRESIDENT

OF CHILI, IS DEAD

Stricken By Heart Failure on Arrival at Bremen.

HE SAW MAYOR GAYNOR SHOT.

Senor Montt Had Been a Sufferer From Heart Disease and Was On His Way to German Springs for the Cure—Served Several Terms as President of Chili—A Brave Fighter and a Fine Executive—Many Years An Officer in the Chilean Navy.

London (Special).—President Pedro Montt of Chili arrived at Bremen on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse Tuesday morning. His death occurred at 11:50 o'clock P. M. It was due to a recurrence of heart failure, following the recent attack of angina pectoris from which he suffered.

New York (Special).—President Montt left New York just a week ago after one of the most startling experiences in his career. That same morning he had seen Mayor Gaynor shot down on the deck of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, had witnessed the struggle with James J. Gallagher, the would be assassin, and had departed on the Kaiser feverishly excited over the occurrences, as were most of the other passengers aboard. A sufferer from heart trouble, it is not improbable that his sudden death may in some measure be attributed to the strain of that occurrence.

Before the vessel departed President Montt gave out an interesting review, describing the shooting as he saw it, and later at sea he flashed a wireless message of sympathy to the Mayor. He arrived in New York from South America on August 3, after a stop in the Panama Canal Zone, where he inspected the work on the canal and pronounced it good. Arriving here he was received with the presidential salute and met by the Federal State and city officials.

On the following Friday he left for Boston, whence he was taken on the President's yacht Mayflower to Beverly, where he and Mrs. Montt had luncheon with the President. During his talk with the President the Peru-Ecuador boundary dispute came up, and President Taft asked the Chilean executive to use his influence in urging the two countries to accept the good offices of the United States toward an amicable adjustment. In consequence it is understood that President Montt cabled instruction to Santiago.

While in this country the ill health of President Montt was apparent. He was fairly fatigued, and his old heart trouble bothered him considerably.

ROOSEVELT OWNED.

New York Republican Committee Recommends Sherman.

New York (Special).—Theodore Roosevelt matched strength with the "old guard" of the Republican party in New York and met decisive defeat. The Republican state committee, in session here, by a vote of 20 to 15, refused to recommend him for temporary chairman of the state convention, which meets at Saratoga on September 27. Instead, Vice-President James S. Sherman was selected. This is Colonel Roosevelt's second defeat at the hands of the "old guard," the first having been the legislature's refusal to pass the Cobb direct primary bill, although Mr. Roosevelt especially endorsed it.

With his latest setback plans for harmony within the party in the state received a severe setback; and as soon as Colonel Roosevelt heard the news he issued a statement in which he enrolled himself as a progressive, so far as the New York situation goes.

It was his most pointed political statement since his return, and those who saw him were convinced that he had determined to begin an open fight on the "old guard."

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Woman Had Upbraided Man for Not Living an Honest Life.

Philadelphia (Special).—In the presence of their two children, aged four and six years, Bartko Bernardsky shot and instantly killed his wife and then blew out his own brains in a lodging-house on North Franklin street, in this city. The tragedy is the result of a quarrel due, the neighbors say, to the wife upbraiding the husband because he did not lead an honest life.

The couple came from Poland less than a year ago, and resided with Carroll Fabian in Buffalo. Mrs. Bernardsky left her husband and came here three weeks ago with the children, and then wrote him, according to the neighbors, that she would again live with him if he led a better life. The husband came here Saturday from Buffalo with \$113, and the wife, the neighbors say, was skeptical where he got the money. This led to quarrels, with the tragic result. The police know nothing about the man except what they were told by the neighbors.

HAUNTED BY DEAD WIFE.

New York (Special).—Walter Schmidt, 50 years old, killed himself by inhaling gas. Just six years ago his wife killed herself in the same manner. Since then Schmidt has been haunted by her and recently he had been out of work and became despondent. He was found in bed fully dressed, with the gas escaping from a burner which had been left turned on fully. A letter and a bank book in which there was a balance of \$125 to Schmidt's credit, were found in the room.

GAYNOR OUT IN TEN DAYS

Secondary Hemorrhage the Only Contingency.

TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL IN TEN DAYS.

Removal of the Bullet Does Not Concern the Surgeons at All, as They Say It Can Easily Be Done at Any Time—His Cough Is Still Troublesome.

New York (Special).—The surgeons attending Mayor Gaynor confessed to a fear of just one thing, a secondary hemorrhage that might occur along the path torn by the bullet. A secondary hemorrhage is bleeding 24 or more hours after a wound has been inflicted. In Mayor Gaynor's case it would mean that the bullet has so abraded the wall of some artery that the pulsing blood had broken through. Such a hemorrhage must be checked within a couple of minutes if death is to be averted.

Every other contingency conceivable to the alert surgical mind has been provided for. The Mayor has received injections of antitoxin to ward off tetanus, the bullet has been viewed as it lies embedded in bony tissue in the roof of the pharynx, the wound has been dressed and ascertained and the Mayor's blood tested twice a day for the germs of septicemia or blood poisoning. Of course, such precautions as may have been taken to guard against a secondary hemorrhage, but wholly to guard against that is impossible.

That is why there is always at least one doctor on duty with the Mayor night and day. If a secondary hemorrhage were to come the doctor in the room would simply have to staunch the flow of blood with his fingers for a moment or two until ligatures could be applied.

It developed Monday that this stanching of a secondary hemorrhage was all that the surgeons had in mind now when speaking of an operation. The removal of the bullet is a simple affair with which they are concerning themselves not at all.

One of the physicians who is attending Mayor Gaynor said that, barring unforeseen and improbable complications, Mayor Gaynor will be able to leave the hospital in two weeks.

The police are engaging themselves on a theory that James J. Gallagher, the would-be assassin, may have had an accomplice. This Gallagher denies, but a man with a police record is under suspicion.

STEAL RAWN PAPERS.

Burglars Break Into Home of His Son-in-Law.

Chicago (Special).—Detectives are investigating a mysterious robbery at the home of Robert C. Brinkley, son-in-law of U. S. G. Rawn, late president of the Monon Railway, in Winnetka.

Brinkley, who is now with his family in Virginia, is custodian of Rawn's documents. Official investigation of alleged graft in car repair bills of the Illinois Central Railroad, of which Rawn was formerly a vice-president, is thought to be responsible for the ransacking of the Brinkley residence.

Many valuables were passed by the thieves, but desks and drawers where the documents might be placed were ransacked.

MOUSE IN HER RAT.

Actress Badly Shocked, But Will Recover.

New York (Special).—The first woman to be recorded as having a real mouse in her "rat" is Miss Elizabeth Goodall, an actress. She was rehearsing in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory for her appearance in "We Won't Go Home Till Morning," and at one time took off the rat and hid it in a dark corner. When she put it on again and started to use her hatpin there was a terrible commotion. When she finally got the hat off she popped the mouse with a pin wound in its side. It was said that Miss Goodall is doing well.

STEEL CAGE FOR BABY.

Bar Harbor (Special).—A steel cage on wheels, cunningly wrought by a skilled craftsman and safeguarded by locks of the most complicated design, for the morning's ride of Vinson McLean, America's \$100,000,000 baby, is the latest and most startling novelty which two fond parents have taken to protect this little Croesus against kidnapping. This steel perambulator has followed the recent attempt of burglars to break into the Edward Beale McLean mansion, at Bar Harbor. The McLean baby is now as carefully guarded from all save his nurse and Detective Wardens, as if he were a little prisoner held as hostage.

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